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(KELLY, MAJOR GENERAL ORRIS E.)
SUBJECT: VISITS TO TAIWAN IN MARCH AND APRIL 1977

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT REVEREND BERTRAM C. GILBERT (GS-16 EQUIVALENT), LUTHERAN COUNCIL, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH CHAPLAINS AND OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL OF HIS DENOMINATION IN TAIWAN APRIL 24-25. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED VISIT, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED ASD/ISA APPROVAL.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT JACK R. SCHMIDT (GS-17 EQUIVALENT), DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR, NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, BETHESDA, MARYLAND, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT TAIWAN MARCH 6-12. SCHMIDT'S VISIT WAS REQUESTED BY NAMRU II. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO CONDUCT IN-DEPTH SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF CURRENTLY APPROVED PROJECTS AT NAMRU. ASD/ISA CONCURRED IN PROPOSED VISIT ON JANUARY 31, 1977. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO IT.

3. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE CHIEF OF ARMY CHAPLAINS, MAJOR GENERAL ORRIS E. KELLY, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS AND COORDINATE CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN APRIL 5-9. AFTER HE VISITED TAIWAN IN AUGUST 1976, THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY COMMUNICATIONS
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COMMAND, FT. HUACHUCA, ARIZONA, MAJOR GENERAL GROMBACHER, MADE A SPECIAL REQUEST THAT MAJOR GENERAL KELLY VISIT TAIWAN. COLONEL MACLAIN, USACC COMMANDER, TAIWAN, HAS ASKED THAT WE APPROVE THIS VISIT. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO ARMY CHAPLAINS IN TAIWAN (THERE ARE THREE NAVY CHAPLAINS WHO ARE VISITED EVERY YEAR BY THE CHIEF OF NAVY CHAPLAINS), EMBASSY IS INCLINED NOT TO INTERPOSE

AN OBJECTION TO THIS TRIP. ASD/ISA APPROVAL HAS BEEN
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